

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

get the new tax law, beginning Nov. 2, 1917, all letters must be paid postage (each ounce) in 2 cents, as in the past; except for local letters; that is letters sent to the postoffice or on delivery out of the office at which they are dropped or mailed, will require 2 cents in addition to 1 cent as in the past.

Tuesday is election day and politics at a white heat.

The Republicans already see their ship in Tuesday's election.

Local coal is now 15 cents a bushel and the Garfield bonus of 2 cents.

Watch Hopkinsville go Democratic in the county election.

It is all over but the voting and a shouting.

The old three-cent stamp was reduced to two cents on Sept. 1, 1883.

The British have captured Beer-sheba and have their eyes on Dan.

Some of the papers are heaping oaths of fire on the Doctor's head, but all is too expensive to heap many.

When eating dinner is a good time, the reminder of the Italians. They are "Idine, you know."

Democratic candidates are winning their closing speeches in the county this week. Every where the outlook is bright.

Mr. W. Godfrey Hunter, once the republican boss of Kentucky and a wheelhorse in his day, is critically ill at a Louisville hotel.

Count von Hertling, the Bavarian Imperial Chancellor, succeeding Miliutin, who becomes Prime Minister of Russia.

Mackensen, the despoiler of Rumania, Serbia and Russia, is heading the invasion of Italy. His specialty is ramping on the little ones with a superior force.

The territory taken from the Italians by the Germans, mostly in Austria, but extending 25 miles into Italy, is about the size of Christian county.

Editor Jim Lemon, who was here in Mayfield the other day, went home and said in his paper that Christian county was Republican by 10,000 majority, but usually goes Democratic. When we saw him it was early in the morning and he didn't seem to be in such a condition as that.

The Seeadler's captain boasts that you sank 25 ships before being captured. A favorite plan was to ask the time by wireless. Some ship would pick up the message and oblige him and he would then trace it up you sink it.

The election day draws near the Democrats are growing really jubilant. Chairman Low Johnson, who knows every nook and corner of the county, says he has never seen a better organization or a more united body and the only real danger is in their confidence. If the Democrats get a full vote the victory will be howling.

County Clerk Harris is now busy getting hunting licenses to those who are getting ready for Nov. 15. So far coal production is twice as much as that of Great Britain, our best competitor.

Mr. F. W. John has leased the hardy residence on Ninth street his family has arrived from Evansville.

## All Attend.

The supervisors of the knitting and girdling cases are called to this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Heavy League Headquarters in the old Methodist church.

## LIBERTY BANDS WHIP SPIES

Cincinnati Preacher First Victim of New Organization.

## NIGHT RIDER METHODS

Old Time Klans Recalled By Recent Episode North of The Ohio River.

AN OLD KU KLUX KLAN WARNING.  
K. K. K. Dismal Swamp.  
2d XI VII! 11th Hour.  
Mene, mene, tekel upharsin.  
The bloody dagger is drawn.  
The trying hour is at hand. Beware. Your steps are marked.  
The eye of the dark chief is upon you. First he warns. Then the avenging dagger flashes in the moonlight.  
By Order of the Grand Cyclops. LIXTO.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Now the Liberty Bands have taken their place on the American war stage. Out of the West has come the memory of the old Vigilantes, and from the South the spirit of the Ku-Klux Klan, to join in Kentucky in inspiring the first of a new organization to apply the American system of emergency justice to emergencies of the war.

The first Liberty Band outbreak was the capture and chastisement of Herbert Bigelow, well-known Ohio pacifist, by a Kentucky motor crew following night rider methods on a six-cylinder basis. No one here is willing to stake his reputation as a prophet on the assertion that it will be the last Liberty Band outbreak.

On this new organization—the Liberty Bands—which seems to have constituted itself an extra legal constabulary for the purpose of keeping pacifists within bonds, official Washington has no opinion.

But without approving the Liberty Band, official Washington is forced to recognize their existence and to face the possibility that their methods will spread.

These citizens' posses, it is pointed out, have sprung up during every national crisis, and government process has never sufficed satisfactorily to control them.

The first American Vigilance Committees, parents of the long line of similar organizations, were creatures of the revolutionary period. They were formed in many communities to enforce non-importation agreements and to ferret out Tories.

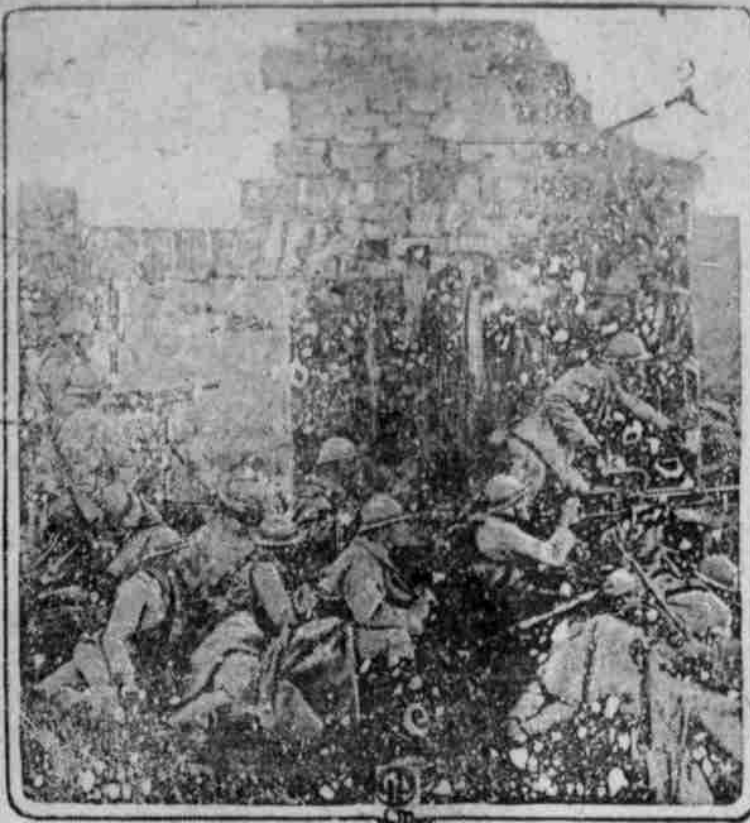
Most notable were the Vigilantes, in California in 1848 and 1849, when legal government did not keep pace with the influx of thousands of gold seekers. Vigilantes were common in many frontier communities until officials of the law were stable enough to keep order.

In the Southern States prior to the Civil war, vigilance committees sometimes enforced the will of the community against abolitionists, or others suspected of disloyalty to the South and to prevent the circulation of abolition literature.

After the Civil war the Ku-Klux-Klan terrorized almost the entire South from 1866 to 1872, visiting its wrath on aspiring Negroes and "carpet-bag" politicians from the North. It was the South's weapon to nullify the enfranchisement of the Negro, and keep the political control in the hands of the whites. Its warnings, couched in awesome phrases and marked by strange hieroglyphics struck terror to the Negro politician and to northern organizers.

Among the sectional organizations of vigilantes one of the most unique was that of the Mollie Maguires, which fomented strife in Pennsylvania in the seventies and eighties of last century. The Mollie Maguires were composed of miners and other

## From Shelters in Buildings Destroyed By Boches, French Pour Deadly Fire at Enemy



The destruction of public buildings by the Germans in France, while distressing to the residents of villages which have been visited, has not been wholly satisfactory to the invaders. For the French in their recent offensive movements have found in these same ruined buildings some advantageous shelters. Here they have hidden their machine gun batteries and are mowing down the Huns who are opposing them in the open country. The French are fighting like demons at this point "somewhere in France." Their recent drive has been one of the most effective of the war.

## ELGIN BUTTER BOARD CLOSES

Not to Open Until War Ends --Request of Hoover is Promptly Met.

Washington, Nov. 2.—The Elgin Butter board is to be closed for the period of the war, under an agreement announced between the board and the food administration.

Closing of the board was requested by Food Administrator Hoover and the request was promptly complied with by the board. Market conditions, Mr. Hoover explained in making the demand, should be permitted to govern prices during the war.

The Elgin board has virtually controlled butter prices in the United States for half a century. The prices it fixed have set a standard for all other parts of the country.

## COURT ENDS

And Judge Bush Will Rest For a Week.

Circuit court will round up its fall term of six weeks to-day and Judge Bush will have a week's vacation before he starts his winter terms. The term here has been a busy one and the docket has been pretty well cleared, but this week has been devoid of interest. A few orders have been made and matters of minor importance passed upon.

## 2,208 Negroes in Draft.

A total of 2,208 negroes are included in Kentucky's first draft of 14,236 men. None of the negroes have yet been called into service and 2,796 white men are still at home. All told, the district boards have certified to Adj. Gen. J. Tandy Ellis 15,900 names. This embraces the excess in a majority of the counties to provide for men subsequently discharged.

J. T. Taylor, col., hit by an automobile of the E. T. Slider Co., has recovered \$2,500 damages in Louisville.

whom they admitted as sympathizers. Originally confining their activities to hazing and cowering strikebreakers and others who disrupted the mining conditions the employees were working for, the society finally degenerated into a band for paying off private grudges with thuggery and murder, and was broken up by the United States government.

## LORENZO K. WOOD

Biographical Sketch of The Young Lawyer Who Hopes To Be a Judge.

Lorenzo K. Wood, one of the candidates in the run-off for judge of the Police Court, is a native of Caldwell county. His father was the late C. W. Wood and his mother Miss Christina Groom. He represents two of the prominent families in that county. He was born Feb. 26, 1886, in the vicinity of Hopson's store, and was given the name of Lorenzo Kenna. Down in his old neighborhood they



still call him Kenna Wood, but he prefers his other name since reaching manhood. After attending the county school and later learning what he could in Princeton, he entered the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind., where he took both a literary degree and a law degree in 1909. The following fall he went to the University of Michigan and took a combined literary and law course. He finished the literary course in 1912 and later graduated in law and began practice in Chicago, where he remained a year or more. He then removed to this city and opened an office, meeting with good success from the start. During the time he has been here he has steadily advanced in his profession, and has made a reputation as one of the city's best speakers. He has given much attention to public questions, such as good roads, boosting campaigns, Red Cross work, the Liberty Bond campaign and similar movements. He is an influential member of the Christian church, being President of the Busy Men's Bible class in the Sunday School. He is also corresponding secretary of the district

## 2ND TRANSPORT IS TORPEDOED

Finland, Returning to U. S. Hit By Explosive but Steams to European Port.

## NO CASUALTY REPORTED

Vessel Attacked Is One of Biggest Steamers Flying American Flag.

Washington, Nov. 1.—The transport Finland was recently torpedoed while returning to the United States, but was able to return to a foreign port under her own steam.

The navy department received a report of the attack and Secretary Daniels authorized its publication. The navy report does not say whether there was any loss of life or injury on the Finland.

## REGISTRATION

195 New Names Are Added To City List.

The three days supplementary registration closed Wednesday night, with a satisfactory showing for the Democrats. There were 195 voters registered. Of these 111 are Democrats and 84 are Republicans and 1 is Independent. With the regular registration day figures added, this makes the total 2,186, of which 1078 are Democrats and 1,080 are Republicans and 33 are Independent.

This makes the vote a stand-off in the city with a few Independents holding the balance. The Democrats carried the city four years ago when the Republicans had a registered majority of 100. This time they expect to make a still better showing.

## DAIRYMEN STRIKE

Oppose Efforts to Cut Chicago Price From Thirteen to Twelve Cents.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—A strike of dairymen against efforts to lower the price of milk in Chicago from 13 to 12 cents a quart seriously cut down the city's supply.

The distributors had announced that they would pay the farmers only \$3 a hundred pounds as compared with a price during October of \$3.42. The farmers had demanded \$3.71 as a minimum and when this was refused held back their milk.

It is said the consumption of milk in Chicago during October, by reason of a boycott started by women because of the increased price, was 20 per cent. less than during September.

## Kentucky Synod.

The Kentucky Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church opened its eighty-ninth annual session Tuesday at Paducah. The Woman's Synodical Association of the Church convened Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Harris and children, of Union county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Anderson, Mrs. Harris' parents.

organization of the State Y. M. C. A., and is also secretary of the local branch. All of these things keep him pretty busy, but he found time last month to make such a lively campaign for police judge that he survived the primary in a field full of candidates.

Personally Mr. Wood is a fine young fellow. Standing six feet and weighing 200 pounds, he has an imposing presence. He is well informed, studious, intelligent and a forceful and eloquent speaker. Mr. Wood is in politics a Democrat, but is fair and conservative and has many friends in all parties. He is one of Hopkinsville's most promising young men.

## BULK OF LATIN ARMIES SAFE

Has Millions of Troops to Bar Austro-German From Further Invasion.

## BIG OPEN BATTLE IMPENDS

With Morale High Stand Is Probably Now Being Made on Tagliamento Bank.

The greatest portion of General Cadorna's Italian army apparently has crossed the Tagliamento river and probably now stands on the western bank in a line of defense waiting to give battle there to the Teutonic allies.

The advance of the enemy, although it has been remarkably fast, was not quick enough to carry out the purpose of the military commanders of enveloping the Italians and putting them out of battle from the Carnic Alps to the head of the Adriatic sea. The Italians lost heavily in men and guns captured—the latest German official communication asserting that more than 180,000 men and 1,500 guns were taken by the Teutonic allies—and also suffered terribly from hardships due to bad weather and lack of food as they made their way across the country to the Tagliamento, with their rear guards everywhere harassing the enemy. But General Cadorna declares that with the morale of his men still splendid, the success of the invaders soon will be made valueless.

On the eastern side of the Tagliamento the Teutonic allies have captured all along the waterway from Pizano to Latisana, valuable bridgehead positions from which to operate against the Italians on the other side of the stream. No mention has yet been made of any attempts by the enemy to bridge the stream, now at full freshet, with pontoons, but doubtless strong efforts in this direction will be made as soon as sufficient artillery has been mobilized to give effect to this operation.

Should General Cadorna, however, decide to stand and give battle along the Tagliamento, choosing the Piave for the big battle that is to come, doubtless the plains of Friuli soon will resound with the hoofbeats of cavalry and the clash of the sabre and witness the greatest scene of open warfare that has taken place during the present hostilities. Already the Italian cavalry has been in action to the east of the Tagliamento and did notable work in harassing the Teutonic allied advance.

## Universalist Church.

Rev. Thos. Chapman, pastor. Mr. Geo. M. Clark, Superintendent of Sunday School. Services will be held at this church on Sunday forenoon at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

In the forenoon Mr. Chapman will preach on "The Destiny of the Wicked." In the evening he will give a report of his recent trip to the Universalist General Convention, held at Worcester, Mass.

## Scalped Himself.

While chopping wood with a double-edged axe at Pembroke, Murray Jackson struck a clothes line and deflected the axe, hitting his head and making a severe scalp wound on his forehead. An artery was severed and he bled much before his injury was attended to.



## FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

John Gilmore, Jr., an Owensboro boy and a nephew of John Feland of this city and of Capt. Logan Feland, of the U. S. Army, is now in France in a battalion hospital corps. Capt. Feland is also with Gen. Pershing.

